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SUBJECT: LANG ENGINEERING - SUGAR REFINERY NOUAKCHOTT

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 1053

- 1. DEPT OFF (AF/N) PASSED AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE REFTEL TO ROBERT TEMPLE OF LANG ENGINEERING NOVEMBER 1. TEMPLE SAID HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM GIRM MINISTER OF INDUSTRIALIZATION ASKING CLARIFICATION ON MAURITANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON'S REPORT THAT LANG "RENOUNCING" CONTRACT.
- 2. TEMPLE TELLING MINISTER IT NOT QUESTION OF CANCELLING CONTRACT BUT THAT COMPANY WANTS GIRM TO CONSIDER CERTAIN CHANGES REQUIRED BY CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES LIKE NON-CONVERTABILITY OUGIYA AND DOLLAR DEVALUATION. TEMPLE SAID MAURITANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON AWARE OF THIS AND SPECULATES AMBASSADOR ABDALLAH MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SOFTEN UP GIRM WITH SHOCK TELEGRAM.
- 3. TEMPLE TELLING MINISTER INDUSTRIALIZATION THAT LANG DAKAR REP LEONARD LANGELAND WILL BRING EXPLANATORY LETTER TO NOUAKCHOTT FOR MINISTER BY END OF NEXT WEEK. LANGELAND PLANS CALL ON AMBASSADOR MURPHY BEFORE VISITING MINISTER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. YOUR 1058 JUST RECEIVED. WHEN NEW MESSAGE RELAYED TO TO TEMPLE HE SAID HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN ON TELEPHONE WITH HIS NOUAKCHOTT REP AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO TELL MINISTER SIDI

HE, TEMPLE, WILL COME TO NOUAKCHOTT NOVEMBER 6 IF PLANE SCHEDULES PERMIT. OTHERWISE, WILL RY SEE MINISTER IN ABIDJAN OR LOME. SUGGEST EMBASSY GET FURTHER INFO FROM NOUAKCHOTT REP.

5. TEMPLE SENDS SPECIAL THANKS TO AMBASSADOR MURPHY FOR HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF U.S. BUSINESS. KISSINGER

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